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FYI. Apparently NWEA's petition letter was over 100 pages long!

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Jayne, Laurie and Claire,  
Just wanted to share this email with you in case you have not seen it. See Ecology's response to NWEA's petition below.  
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fyi – Ecology response to NWEA petition re nutrient technology based requirements for municipal facilities in Puget Sound.

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In case you did not notice this particular update as there are many from ECY that came in over past few weeks.....

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**Subject:** Department of Ecology response to Northwest Environmental Advocates petition

Good afternoon Water Quality Partnership –

We wanted to notify you of a petition response we sent today. We have responded to the Nov. 14, 2018 petition from the Northwest Environmental Advocates (NWEA) related to municipal wastewater treatment facilities in Puget Sound.

The petition requests Ecology set year-round technology based effluent limits for total nitrogen and total phosphorus. Currently, Ecology does not have nitrogen and phosphorus surface water quality criteria.

While we are concerned about water quality in Puget Sound, we are denying this request to engage in rulemaking. Instead, we are committed to the efforts we are already leading through public forums to reduce sources of nutrients and other pollution in Puget Sound. In addition, we are continuing to use our state-of-the-science model to better understand the magnitude of nutrient reduction necessary to improve water quality and overall Puget Sound health. Factors such as variability in treatment plant size and discharge location will influence the level of nutrient reduction necessary at these facilities.

We will continue to work with municipal wastewater treatment facilities and all of our Puget Sound stakeholders to find effective and durable solutions to improve the health of Puget Sound.

The following documents are available online:

- [Original petition](#)
- [Ecology's letter in response to the petition](#)

Thank you,

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